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## Sommario/riassunto

In *No Medium*, Craig Dworkin looks at works that are blank, erased, clear or silent, writing critically and substantively about works for which there would seem to be not only nothing to see but nothing to say.

Examined closely, these ostensibly contentless works of art, literature and music point to a new understanding of media and the limits of the artistic object. Dworkin considers works predicated on blank sheets of paper, from a fictional collection of poems in Jean Cocteau's *Orphee* to the actual publication of a ream of typing paper as a book of poetry; he compares Robert Rauschenberg's *Erased De Kooning Drawing* to the artist Nick Thurston's erased copy of Maurice Blanchot's *The Space of Literature* (in which only Thurston's marginalia were visible); and he scrutinizes the sexual politics of photographic representation and the implications of obscured or obliterated subjects of photographs.

Reexamining the famous case of John Cage's 4'33", Dworkin links Cage's composition to Rauschenberg's *White Paintings*, Ken Friedman's *Zen for Record* (and Nam June Paik's *Zen for Film*) and other works, offering also a "guide to further listening" that surveys more than 100 scores and recordings of "silent" music. Dworkin argues that we should understand media not as blank, base things but as social events, and that there is no medium, understood in isolation, but only and always a plurality of media: interpretive activities taking place in socially inscribed space.

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